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DOHA JIDDA KUWAIT MANAMA MUSCAT DEC 19.
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SUBJECT: YARG VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCES

1. SUMMARY: YEMEN CHARGE MUBAREZ TOLD US DEC 19 THAT
YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC DOES NOT BELIEVE THE CAIRO CONFERENCE
WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE PEACE PROCESS. YEMEN DOES
HOWEVER SEE MERIT IN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S SUGGESTION
FOR A CONFERENCE OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN NEW YORK.
THIS COULD SERVE AS A "MID-WAY" MEETING EN ROUTE TO
RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. YAR CHARGE ABDUL DAYEM MUBAREZ AT HIS REQUEST MET WITH
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AMB. LEONARD AT NOON DEC. 19. MUBAREZ SAID HE SPOKE WITH HIS
FOREIGN MINISTER WHO ASKED HIM TO CONVEY YARG'S VIEWS ON
RECENT MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMATIC MOVES TO AMB. YOUNG. INASMUCH
AS YOUNG WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, MUBAREZ WAS PLEASED
TO MEET WITH LEONARD. FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAJ
JUST COMPLETED A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF
SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, QATAR AND OTHERS WHERE GENERAL

AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT CAIRO CONFERENCE WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. EVEN WERE CAIRO CONFERENCE TO SUCCEED IN ASSISTING IN RESOLVING EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI PROBLEMS, IT WOULD NOT ADVANCE PEACE PROCESS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

3. MUBAREZ NOTED THAT "OTHER ARAB" COUNTRIES ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI MEETINGS AND MAY FIND THEMSELVES COMPELLED TO REACH BY TAKING "MORE EXTREME" POSITIONS. THUS IN AN EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A "MID-WAY" SOLUTION, SECRETARY GENERAL WAHIED MIGHT REPEAT HIS INVITATION FOR ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO MEET IN NEW YORK. YEMEN IS SUPPORTED IN THIS SUGGESTION BY THE GULF STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA. LEONARD RESPONDED THAT CAIRO CONFERENCE IS REGARDED AS A PREPARATORY MEETING WHERE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES CONTRIBUTIVE TO A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT MIGHT BE DEFINED. AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD BE RESUMED. THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE AND ON FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALL CONCERNED.

4. MUBAREZ SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO SANA; HE NOTED FM AL-ASNAJ WOULD BE MEETING WITH SCOTES. IN PARTING MUBAREZ SAID THE NEW YARK PERM REP, AL-HADDAD WOULD BE ARRIVING SOON.
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